Steps to cut down Government's Administrative Expenditure

2143. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what steps Government propose to take for cutting down the Government's administrative expenditure;

(b) what is the number of employees who had been retired after review of their ACR at the age of 55 during the last three years; and

(c) in view of the guidelines issued by the Finance Ministry for economy measures, how much economy has been effected in the administrative expenditure during the last two financial years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) and (c) It is the constant endeavour of the Government to reduce administrative expenditure and instructions are issued in this regard from time to time to all the Ministries/Departments, which, *inter alia,* include restrictions on the creation of new posts, review of vacant posts before they are filled up, reduction in office expenses, restrictions on purchase of vehicles, restrictions on foreign travel and on entertainment/hospitality expenses etc. Information in regard to economy effected by issue of these guidelines is not maintained centrally.

(b) Clause (j) of F.R. 56 and Rule 48 of the Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 1972 confer on the Government an absolute right to retire a Government servant in public interest after he has attained 50/55 years or rendered 30 years of qualifying service by giving him a notice of not less than 3 months in writing or pay and allowances for 3 months in lieu of such notice. The objective of these special provisions is to improve efficiency and strengthen the administrative machinery at all levels of the Government and to provide clean administration. Since the appointing authorities are empowered to exercise the powers conferred by the said Rules, no data regarding the number of employees who had been retired under the above-said provisions is centrally available.